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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shinji KATAYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1742**

Application Number: **10/812,422**

Examiner: **Harry D. Wilkins III**

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For: **GAS DIFFUSION ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY, BONDING METHOD  
FOR GAS DIFFUSION ELECTRODES, AND ELECTROLYZER  
COMPRISING GAS DIFFUSION ELECTRODES**

Attorney Docket Number: **042196**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 9, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I (Claim 1); Group II (Claim 2); Group III (Claims 3-7); Group IV (Claims 8-10); Group V (Claims 11-16); and Group VI (Claim 17).

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claim 1) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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